

# Milwaukee Water Works

*Safe, Abundant Drinking Water.*

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A: No detected lead levels in any samples or below 5 ug/L, no vulnerable populations:

The current US Environmental Protection Agency “action level” for lead is 15 parts per billion. Based on the results from your building, the Milwaukee Water Works, in coordination with the Milwaukee Health Department recommends that you follow best practices for reducing exposure to lead in drinking water by using only cold water for cooking and drinking. These include flushing the cold water tap if the water has not been used at the faucet for six hours or longer, and inspecting and cleaning the faucet aerator monthly. Continued use of a water filtration device certified to remove lead is optional. The enclosed brochure has additional information.

B: Lead below 15 ug/L no vulnerable populations:

The current US Environmental Protection Agency “action level” for lead is 15 parts per billion. Based on the results from your building, the Milwaukee Water Works, in coordination with the Milwaukee Health Department recommends that you flush the plumbing before using tap water for drinking and cooking, by running the kitchen faucet (or any other tap from which you take drinking or cooking water) on cold for a minimum of three minutes, and longer if necessary, until the water stream is noticeably colder. This is especially important if the water has been sitting in the pipes for more than six hours. Additional steps that can be taken to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water are described in detail in the attached brochure. Continued use of a water filtration device will provide additional protection against lead in drinking water.

C: Lead below 15 ug/L, vulnerable populations:

The current US Environmental Protection Agency “action level” for lead is 15 parts per billion. Based on the results from your building, the Milwaukee Water Works, in coordination with the Milwaukee Health Department recommends that you ALWAYS flush the plumbing before using tap water for drinking and cooking, by running the kitchen faucet (or any other tap from which you take drinking or cooking water) on cold for a minimum of three minutes, and longer if necessary, until the water stream is noticeably colder. This is especially important if the water has been sitting in the pipes for more than six hours.

Our records indicate that there are young children or pregnant/breastfeeding women present in this residence, so you are encouraged to continue to use a certified water filtration device such as the one provided to you by the Milwaukee Water Works, or bottled water, to make formula, reconstitute juices, and for cooking and drinking. This and other steps to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water are described in detail in the enclosed brochure.



D: Lead below 15 ug/L, vulnerable populations unknown:

The current US Environmental Protection Agency “action level” for lead is 15 parts per billion. Based on the results from your building, the Milwaukee Water Works, in coordination with the Milwaukee Health Department recommends that you ALWAYS flush the plumbing before using tap water for drinking and cooking, by running the kitchen faucet (or any other tap from which you take drinking or cooking water) on cold for a minimum of three minutes, and longer if necessary, until the water stream is noticeably colder. This is especially important if the water has been sitting in the pipes for more than six hours.

If there are young children or pregnant/breastfeeding women present in this residence, you are encouraged to continue to use a certified water filtration device such as the one provided to you by the Milwaukee Water Works, or bottled water, to make formula, reconstitute juices, and for cooking and drinking. This and other steps to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water are described in detail in the enclosed brochure.

E: Lead above 15 ug/L, with/without vulnerable populations:

The current US Environmental Protection Agency “action level” for lead is 15 parts per billion. Based on the results from your building, the Milwaukee Water Works, in coordination with the Milwaukee Health Department recommends that you ALWAYS flush the plumbing before using tap water for drinking and cooking, by running the kitchen faucet (or any other tap from which you take drinking or cooking water) on cold for a minimum of three minutes, and longer if necessary, until the water stream is noticeably colder.

If there are young children or pregnant/breastfeeding women present in this residence, it is **strongly encouraged** that you continue to use a certified water filtration device such as the one provided to you by the Milwaukee Water Works, or bottled water, to make formula, reconstitute juices, and for cooking and drinking. This and other steps to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water are described in detail in the enclosed brochure.

F: If additional samples are expected to be collected:

We will contact you in about a month to arrange for collection of a set of follow-up samples.